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NO WONDER.

It is stated that secret meetings have been held in Prescott looking to the drawing of party lines in the coming municipal election. It is also stated that Republicans have held these meetings. It does seem a little early for the believers in high protective tariff and those who believe in tariff for revenue only or absolute free trade to lock horns over a city election in Prescott. Truly, it would be a tempest in a teapot. Should the issue be forced, there is a fine chance for some things to be said, for if there is a spot on earth more thoroughly corporation ridden, muzzled, throttled, bucked and gagged and raped on the public highway than is Prescott, we would like to have it pointed out to us.—Prescott Courier.

No wonder. The city has been under Democratic domination for forty years. It surely is time to do something and that something is to have a change.

LEASING OF MINERAL LANDS.

One cannot help noticing the big news of the little item sent out concerning one set of resolutions adopted at the conference of governors in Washington. Says the Associated Press: "The conference approved the

disposal of mineral rights by lease only."

The evident object of the proposal is that of subserving the coal resources underlying public lands, but if such a notion were to be applied to all the minerals, we should shortly expect to see a superheated agitation that would put the forestry question out in the cold, largely through the fear which the locator of a precious metal mine might have of losing his rights through the arbitrary dictation of the government. Aside from this possible contingency, there is little that a leaser from the government could lose in the way of rights, provided he were to maintain the integrity of his lease. The value of a lode claim is in the privilege of exploiting it; when a deposit of ore is exhausted, the ground is, in general, worthless. For the same reason, there could be no advantage to the nation in changing the method of disposing of its mineral lands from a direct sale to a lease, for the ultimate destiny of an exhausted lode claim is abandonment, any way you put it. Besides, the metals are destroyed in consumption, as in the case of coal.

We think that this little item in the Associated Press dispatches is a false alarm, if it has any bearing upon precious metals mining.

City News

....In Brief

(From Sunday's Daily)

E. E. Jenkins of Jerome is visiting in the city.

Walter E. Cline of Stoddard is here on business.

W. H. McMichael of Mayer is here on business.

W. M. Nellis is in the city from his mines in the Mayer section.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Sullivan of Congress are visiting in the city.

R. C. Houston is in the city from the Tip Top district, where he has mining interests.

T. N. Childers is here from the Turkey Creek district, where he has promising mining interests.

Harry Clark, the Williamson valley stockman, is here from his stock farm near Simmons on business.

W. S. Pratt was an outgoing passenger last night for Kirkland district, where he has mining interests.

M. L. Buckley is expected home today from a three weeks' visit in Evansville, Indiana, and New York on mining business.

J. T. Nelson, the Jerome Junction merchant, paid a flying business visit to the city yesterday, returning home after the afternoon train.

Gus Proffit and R. A. Ronau left yesterday for Williams, where they recently secured a building contract.

F. E. Biles, general manager of the Mount Elliott Consolidated Mining Company, left yesterday for Los Angeles on mining business.

Dan Bacon was an outgoing passenger yesterday afternoon for his stock ranch in the Latimer strip, after a week's visit here on business.

Arthur Hendey, general manager of the Copper Chief mine, left yesterday for his camp in the Black Hills, after a week's visit here on court business.

Deputy Sheriff John Merritt arrived home yesterday morning from Phoenix, where he gave "Demijohn Adams" into the custody of the authorities of the territorial insane asylum.

Mark Murphy and C. C. Stukeley returned yesterday from a month's stay in the Copper Creek section of the Eureka district where they have mining interests.

Arthur M. Hyler, a government electrician, stopped over here last night on his way from Washington, D. C., to Parker, where he will install an electric lighting plant on the Parker Indian reservation.

Rufus Hoffman of Seligman paid a flying business visit to the city yesterday, returning home on the afternoon train.

Leon D. Hall, general manager of the Pittsburgh Mayer Mining Company, arrived here last night from an extended visit in the eastern states on mining business.

R. C. Carre, a Chishton, New Mexico, horse owner, is here with a view of purchasing some local blooded equine stock to import to his farm in the sister territory.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kurtz have returned from a month's stay in Fossil Creek. Mrs. Kurtz will remain here. Mr. Kurtz will return to Fossil Creek Monday, where he fills a responsible position with the Arizona Power Company.

Bonny pelt contributions to the board of supervisors' collection yesterday comprised the scalps and hides of ten wild cats, one coyote and a raccoon. Five wild cats and the coyote were killed by Fitzhugh Lee of Granite Mountain, and the other five felines and raccoon were deposited by William Roberts of Fair Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McKinley were outgoing passengers last night for their home in Copper Basin, after a short visit here. Mr. McKinley returned here yesterday from a visit to McCabe and Humboldt sections, where the McKinley Mining and Development Company, of which he is president and general manager, has mining interests.

E. S. Viele, consulting engineer, and H. A. Barry, assistant chief engineer of the Arizona Power Company, left yesterday for Blue Bell siding on company business.

George Miller, former yone of the popular telegraphers with the Western Union in this city, met with a painful accident Friday afternoon at Dewey. In jumping from a moving wagon one of his ankles was broken. Full particulars of the accident were not learned.

B. H. Grove of West Prescott, for the past five years assistant superintendent of construction at Fort Whipple, has accepted a responsible position with the Burrell Bridge Construction Company of Seattle and expects his family to join him there in the near future.

A. M. Lautz, assistant auditor of the territory, is here from Phoenix on an official inspection of the local banking institutions. He devoted yesterday to the investigation of the affairs of the Commercial Trust Company, which he is reported to have found in excellent financial health.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

C. E. Bentley of Mayer visited here Sunday.

F. C. Dezendorf of Phoenix is here on business.

E. D. Thayer of McCabe visited here Sunday.

R. W. Bullard of Congress Junction is here on business.

S. L. Summers of Seligman is visiting in the city.

John Roberts of Hillside is here on mining business.

Peter Mackin of Groom Creek visited here yesterday on business.

A. J. Pickrell, the Senator mining man, is here on mining business.

Tim Fell is in the city from his mines in the Bald Butte district.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Snider of Congress Junction are visiting in the city.

Ed. Shibley and M. L. Boner, Ash Fork merchants, are here on court business.

George Happ was an outgoing passenger last night for Congress on business.

Frank Krell, the Chino valley and Upper Verde stockman, is here on business.

Attorney E. M. Sanford was an outgoing passenger yesterday for New York on mining business.

Jesse Robeson, a pioneer miner of this county, arrived here last night from Mayer on mining business.

The W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. E. M. Wren, 403 E. Gurley St. Visitors always welcome.

H. S. Guisendoff, general manager of the Copper Creek Development Company, is here on mining business.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Francisco Bega and Josefa Ealomarez, both residents of Congress.

The remains of Ernest Savage were shipped to the former home of deceased in Flagstaff yesterday for interment.

Mrs. A. C. Sanders left yesterday morning for Los Angeles and San Diego for a two months' visit with relatives and friends.

Thomas Mulcaire was an outgoing passenger yesterday morning for his home in Jerome, after a two weeks' visit here on court business.

Frank Lecklider, general manager of the Big Bug store at Poland, arrived Sunday night from a three week's vacation with relatives in the east.

E. G. Wager, Thomas Parks and Arthur Norton will leave this morning for the camp of the Tip Top Heath Mining Company in the Bradshaw mountains, to finish the annual work on a group of mining claims.

John McCloskey of McCabe arrived here last night on a short business visit.

Mrs. F. J. Conray and children were outgoing passengers for their home in the Black Hills yesterday morning, after three weeks' visit here on court business.

William Ritter, who served as a trial juror since the opening of this term of court, was excused from further duty yesterday. He left for his home in Kirkland last night.

Mrs. C. J. Carl and five children arrived here Sunday night from Carlisle, North Dakota, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Carl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Birch and her brothers, the Birch brothers and their families.

W. del. Benedict, a New York mining engineer, arrived here last night from a professional visit to the properties of the Romance Mining Company in the Cherry Creek district.

F. C. W. Pooler, supervisor of the San Francisco National Forest, with headquarters in Flagstaff, arrived here last night on forest business. He was formerly supervisor of the Prescott National Forest.

Joseph Burton announced yesterday that he has retired from active business life and will leave tomorrow for the soldiers' home near Santa Monica. He saw active service in several Indian campaigns and took part in many engagements with the redskins before General Miles brought Geronimo to terms.

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed as Reported By The Prescott Title Co.

John Duke to Bruce Butler et al, W. Deed. \$100. Lot 19, Blk. 11, Jerome.

I. T. Hosey Co. & C. K. Crosby file Aft. A. work on 2 mines, Eureka Dist.

Ross & O'Sullivan et al. file Aft. A. Work on 2 Mines, Weaver Dist.

J. C. Wheeler to W. M. Bracken & Wm. McMahon, Agreement. Work. Qr. int. in Copper World & Duplicate Mines, Mineral Point Dist.

J. C. Wheeler to W. M. Bracken and Wm. McMahon, Bond for Deed. Qr. int. in Copper World & Duplicate Mines, Mineral Point Dist.

A. M. Strahan & J. F. Mowles file A. A. Work on Red Dyke Mine, Verde Dist.

Fidelity Savings & Loan Association, appoint J. M. W. Moore as agent.

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THE ASSORTMENT CONSISTS OF:

Manicure Sets

Smoker Sets

Toilet Cases

Ink Stands

Tea Cups and Saucers

Doll Furnishings

Work Boxes

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Hymnals

And many other

Useful articles

A FINE ASSORTMENT OF WESTERN LEATHER NOVELTIES

TIMERHOFF

THE DRUGGIST